

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows. Cancellation of material from the Specification shall in no way indicate surrender of that subject matter to the extent that it is otherwise within the scope of the claims.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 22, with the following paragraph:

Figure [[25.]] 24 The nucleotide sequence of truncated LysA ('lysA')(NRRL-B11474) (SEQ ID NO:20).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 24, with the following paragraph:

Figure [[26.]] 25 The amino acid sequence of truncated LysA ('LysA')(NRRL-B11474)(SEQ ID NO:21).